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IN RE APPLICATION OF

KURT HOFFMANN ET AL

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Group Art Unit: 1613

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

This Request is in response to an Office Action, dated September 11, 2002, mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Paper No. 4). The Office Action set a shortened statutory period for response to expire on December 11, 2002. This Request is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response.

No fee, petition, or certification is required.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.